

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
November 25, 2020

Happy Thanksgiving!

Reminder of **Thanksgiving “homework”** - This last weekend, Pastor David encouraged you to set aside a few moments on Thanksgiving to make a list of what you are grateful for in your life. A written list is optimal, but a mental list is better than not doing this exercise at all.

Thanks for being a part of our **SCMC Family Thanksgiving meal** this past Sunday. It was great to “break bread” together.

This weekend, we enter into the **Advent Season**. The theme for this year’s Advent is “**My Heart...His Home.**” Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation for the arrival of the Messiah. This first weekend, we will be discussing the Kingly authority the Messiah has in our heart. Join us on either Saturday Evening at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday Morning at 10:00 a.m.

COVID-19 Update: There have been many coronavirus updates coming out of Harrisburg over the last two weeks. Currently, the advisories have not had any effect on our gatherings at SCMC. These updates from the PA Department of Health and the Governor’s Office are being watched closely. Future updates may result in changes to our meeting together. Please know that the SCMC leadership has your physical safety, emotional well-being and spiritual growth in mind when setting guidelines.

Caring Fund Offering will be received this coming weekend, November 28-29. Your generosity has enabled SCMC to assist 9 families with needs totaling \$7,175. The previous caring fund offering given year to date totals \$5,915.00. As you give toward this special 5th Sunday offering, please clearly note “Caring Fund” on your contribution.

The **Church Library** is getting redone and we are getting rid of books on cassette tape and VHS tapes. If you would like any, they are on the platform in the chapel.

There will be an **Elder’s & Spouses Meeting** on Monday, November 30, at 7:00 pm.

The **Outreach Commission** will be meeting on Thursday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council will be meeting on Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m.

The **Outreach Commission** will not be doing the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes this year; however, they would like to give everyone the opportunity to support several families in our community through **Christmas Angel**. We will be blessing families with grocery gift cards as well as gift cards for several other businesses. You can take a card which will be located on the cross at the rear of the sanctuary starting Sunday, November 15, and purchase that card for the designated amount or you can take several of them. If you wish to take a card and place the appropriate amount of cash with the card, the Outreach Commission will take care of purchasing that card. The cards can then be placed in the offering basket or they can be dropped off with Sheryl during the week. You can also give online through Pushpay. **We would like to complete this by December 6.** Let’s be a blessing to others during the Christmas Season as we have all been blessed ourselves.

Our devotional booklets, “**The Upper Room**” and “**Our Daily Bread**,” are available upon request. Due to COVID-19 precautions, they cannot be placed out for self-pick-up.

Next Week’s Bible Reading Plan: Week 49: - Hebrews 7; Hebrews 8-9; Hebrews 10; Hebrews 11; Hebrews 12. **Memory Verses:** Galatians 2:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:17.

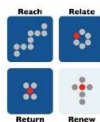
Please Pray For . . . Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Dan & Sue Reed, Geoff Reed, and Tom & Valerie Reppert.**

Offering YTD: \$273,350.73

Budget YTD: \$257,560.00

Happy Birthday Wishes To: Bob Bergey – November 28; Micah Mohler – November 30.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God



RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within